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IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

PREVIOUSLY...

When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!

Mega Man was able to defeat the plans of Dr. Wily, and the mad doctor was imprisoned for his crimes. Light Labs was able to re-program the former adversaries to fight alongside Mega Man in the battle against evil. But Wily has broken free from prison, and can now exact his revenge on the world.

Wily's Robot Masters proved to be quite the challenge, but Mega Man defeated them, unknowingly sacrificing his free will in the process. Dr. Light sent out his band of Robot Masters in hopes to restore Mega Man and stop Dr. Wily once again. However, is it too late?

Can Mega Man be saved?

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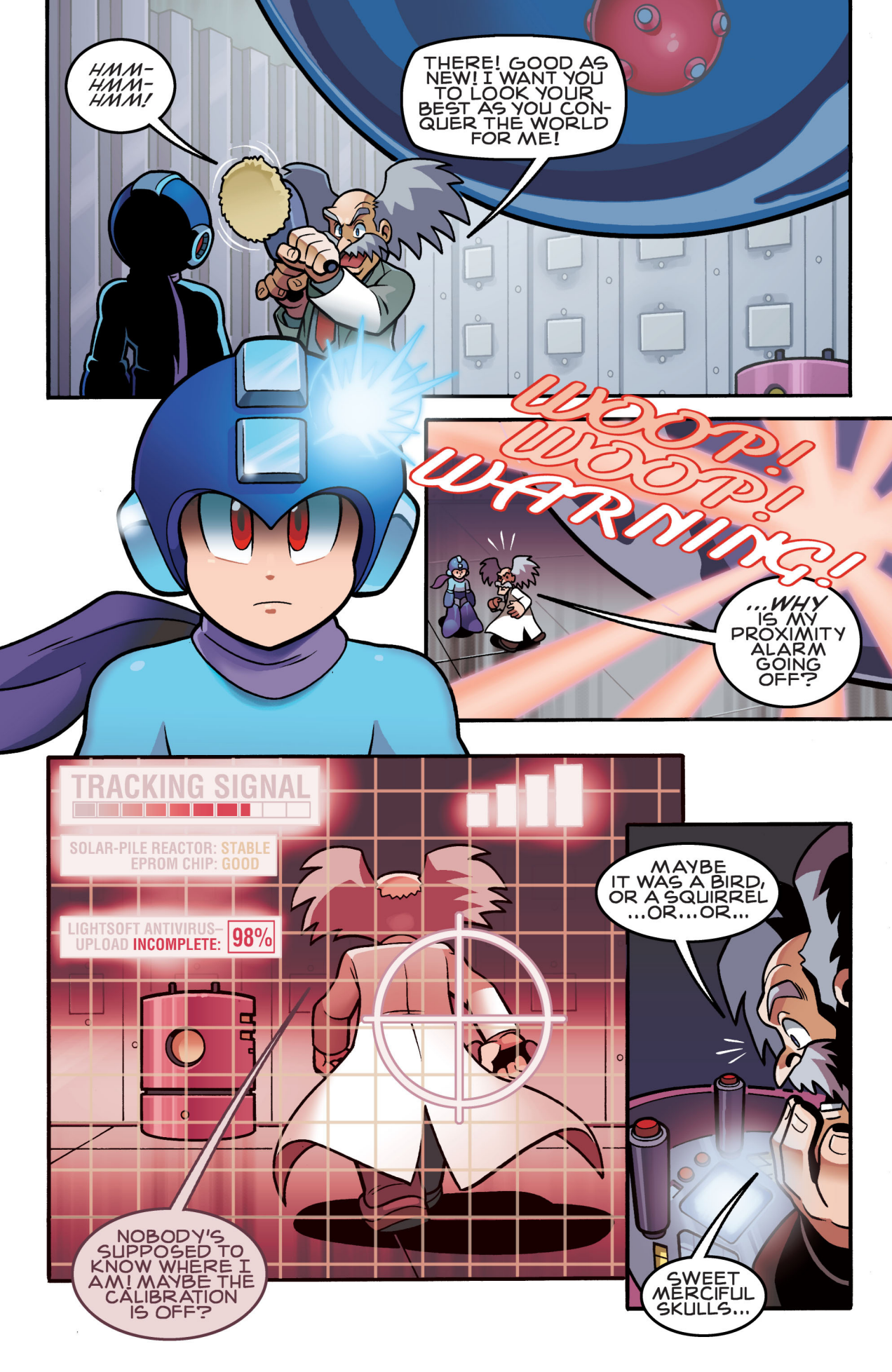
HMM-HMM-HMM!
THERE! GOOD AS NEW! I WANT YOU TO LOOK YOUR BEST AS YOU CONQUER THE WORLD FOR ME!
WOOP! WOOP! WARNING!
...WHY IS MY PROXIMITY ALARM GOING OFF?
TRACKING SIGNAL
SOLAR-PILE REACTOR: STABLE
EPROM CHIP: GOOD
LIGHTSOFT ANTIVIRUS–UPLOAD INCOMPLETE: 98%
NOBODY'S SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHERE I AM! MAYBE THE CALIBRATION IS OFF?
MAYBE IT WAS A BIRD, OR A SQUIRREL ...OR...OR...
SWEET MERCIFUL SKULLS...

"IT'S AN INVASION!"
THE RETURN OF DOCTOR WILY
PART FOUR: CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE
STRIKE HARD, STRIKE FAST! STAY CLOSE TOGETHER, AND WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS! FOR MEGA MAN!
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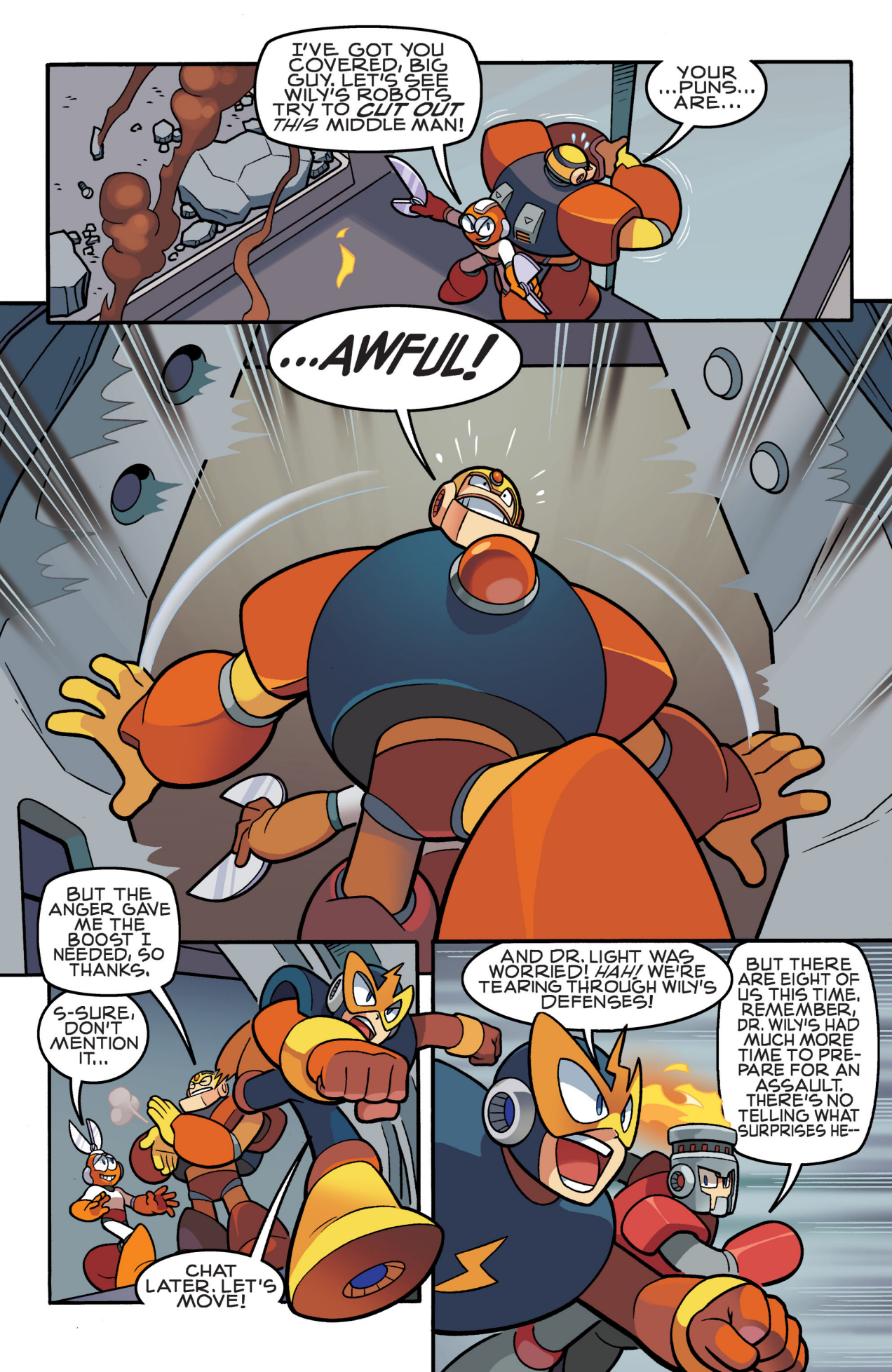
KNOCK, KNOCK! IS THE DOC IN?
CLANG!

BLAST IT! WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER, PINNED DOWN LIKE THIS.
I'LL HANDLE THEIR FIRE. YOU GET EVERYONE ELSE INTO POSITION!
GUTS MAN-- GET THE DOOR! CUT MAN-- COVER HIM! EVERYONE ELSE --ON THE LINE!
TIME SLOW IS UP! HIT THEM!
ALL RIGHT, ROBOT MASTERS! LIGHT 'EM UP!

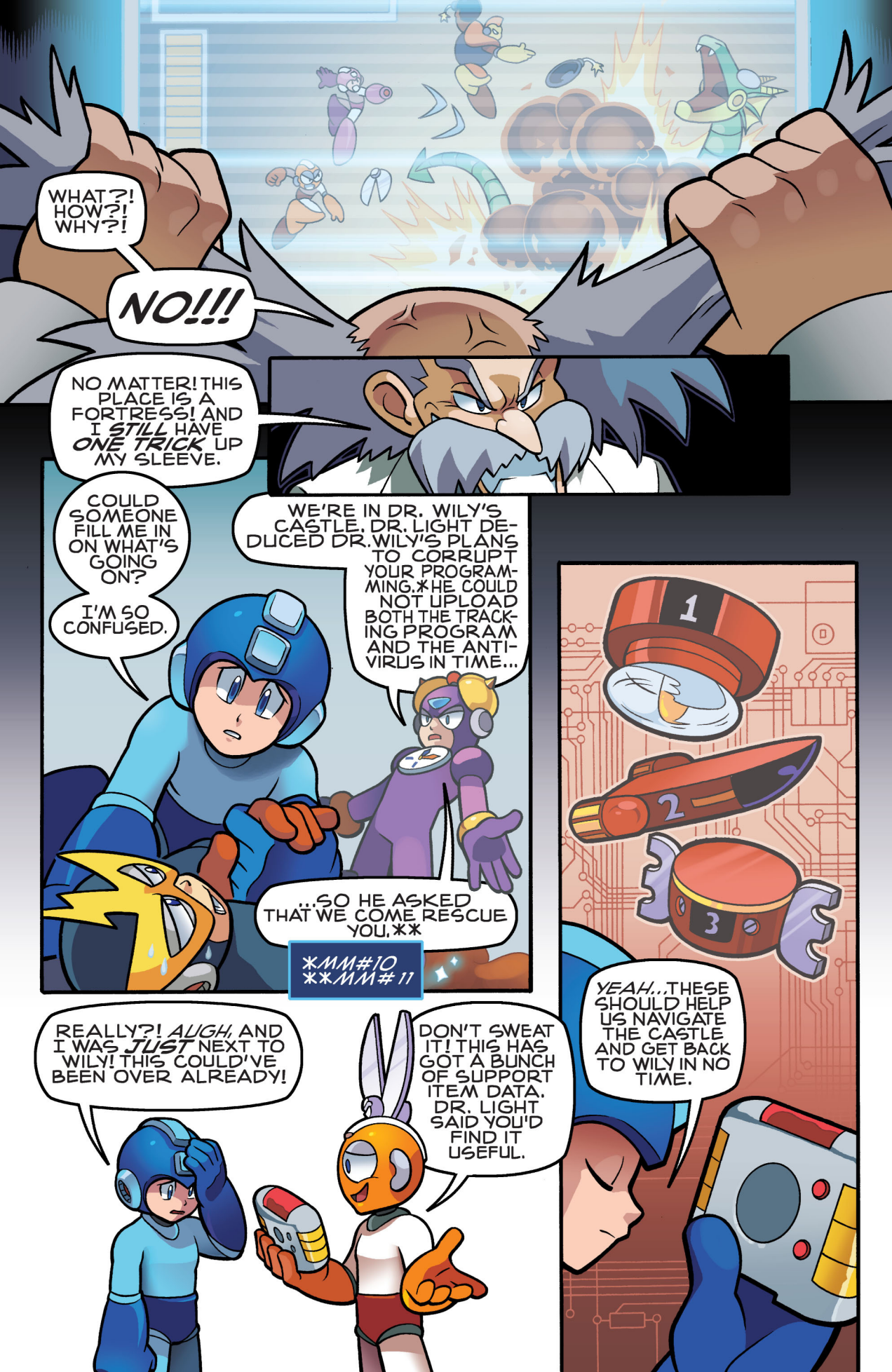

I'VE GOT YOU COVERED, BIG GUY. LET'S SEE WILY'S ROBOTS TRY TO *CUT OUT* *THIS* MIDDLE MAN!
YOUR ...PUNS... ARE...
...AWFUL!
BUT THE ANGER GAVE ME THE BOOST I NEEDED, SO THANKS.
S-SURE, DON'T MENTION IT...
CHAT LATER. LET'S MOVE!
AND DR. LIGHT WAS WORRIED! *HAH!* WE'RE TEARING THROUGH WILY'S DEFENSES!
BUT THERE ARE EIGHT OF US THIS TIME, REMEMBER, DR. WILY'S HAD MUCH MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR AN ASSAULT. THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SURPRISES HE--

ROOOOAR!
SEE? THIS IS THE KIND OF THING I WAS TALKING ABOUT.
MY APOLOGIES.
I WAS HIDING HERE FIRST!
I'M FULL OF OIL, MAN! IT AIN'T LIKE YOU'RE GONNA MELT!
I CAN'T TAKE EXTREME HEAT!
AIN'T FIRE MAN WEAK TO YOUR POWER?!
FWOOMP!

HEH-HEH-HEH! FOOLISH, THOMAS! VERY FOOLISH! WHAT MY MECHA-DRAGON DOESN'T DESTROY, I'LL REBUILD FOR MYSELF!
BUT JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE--
OR USE AS PARTS FOR MY OWN ROBOTS. EITHER WILL SUIT MY NEEDS!
--GO, MEGA MAN! HELP THE MECHA DRAGON DESTROY YOUR BROTHERS!
YES, SIR.
BOO-WIP!
BOO-WIP!
UH-OH... HEADS-UP, GUYS! ROCK'S HERE!
QUICKLY! SUBDUE HIM AND UPLOAD THE LAST OF THE ANTI-VIRUS!
YEAH, LET'S "SUBDUE" THE GUY WHO TORE THROUGH US WHEN HE WAS STILL NICE!

WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM BOTH AT ONCE! SLOW THAT THING DOWN!
I'M TRYING! IT HAS SOMETHING COUNTERACTING MY TIME SLOW!
ELEC MAN!
ARGH!
ROCK... DON'T... WE CAME TO SAVE YOU...
I... MUST...

I GOT 'IM! HURRY UP WITH THE INSTALLER BEFORE HE CHANGES WEAPONS!
SO... DID IT WORK?
THAT DRAGON DAMAGED ELEC MAN!
LET'S TAKE IT DOWN!
WOO! YEAH! HE'S BACK!


WHAT?! HOW?! WHY?!
NO!!!
NO MATTER! THIS PLACE IS A FORTRESS! AND I STILL HAVE ONE TRICK UP MY SLEEVE.
COULD SOMEONE FILL ME IN ON WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M SO CONFUSED.
WE'RE IN DR. WILY'S CASTLE. DR. LIGHT DEDUCED DR. WILY'S PLANS TO CORRUPT YOUR PROGRAMMING.* HE COULD NOT UPLOAD BOTH THE TRACKING PROGRAM AND THE ANTI-VIRUS IN TIME...
...SO HE ASKED THAT WE COME RESCUE YOU.**
*MM#10
**MM#11
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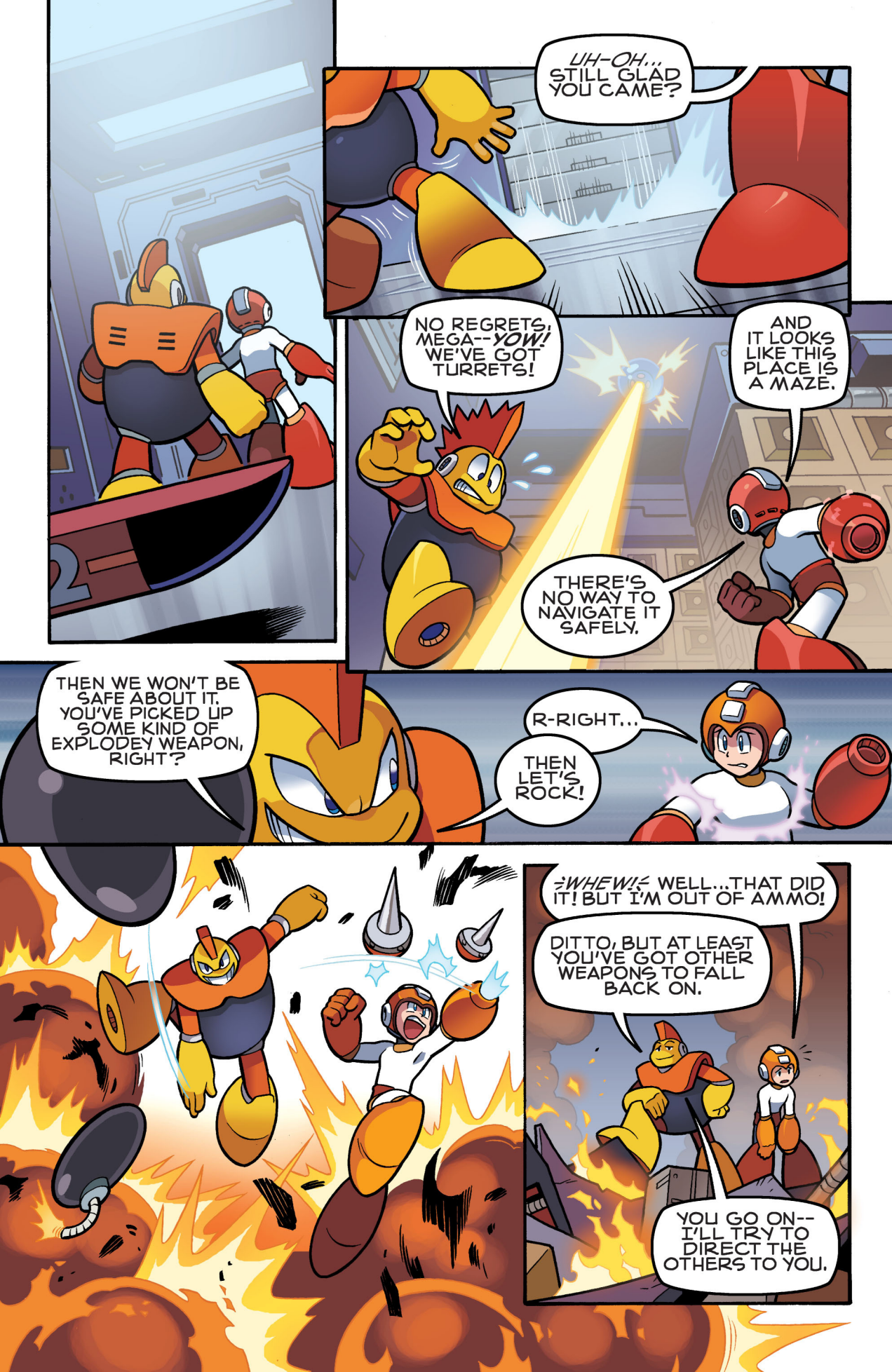
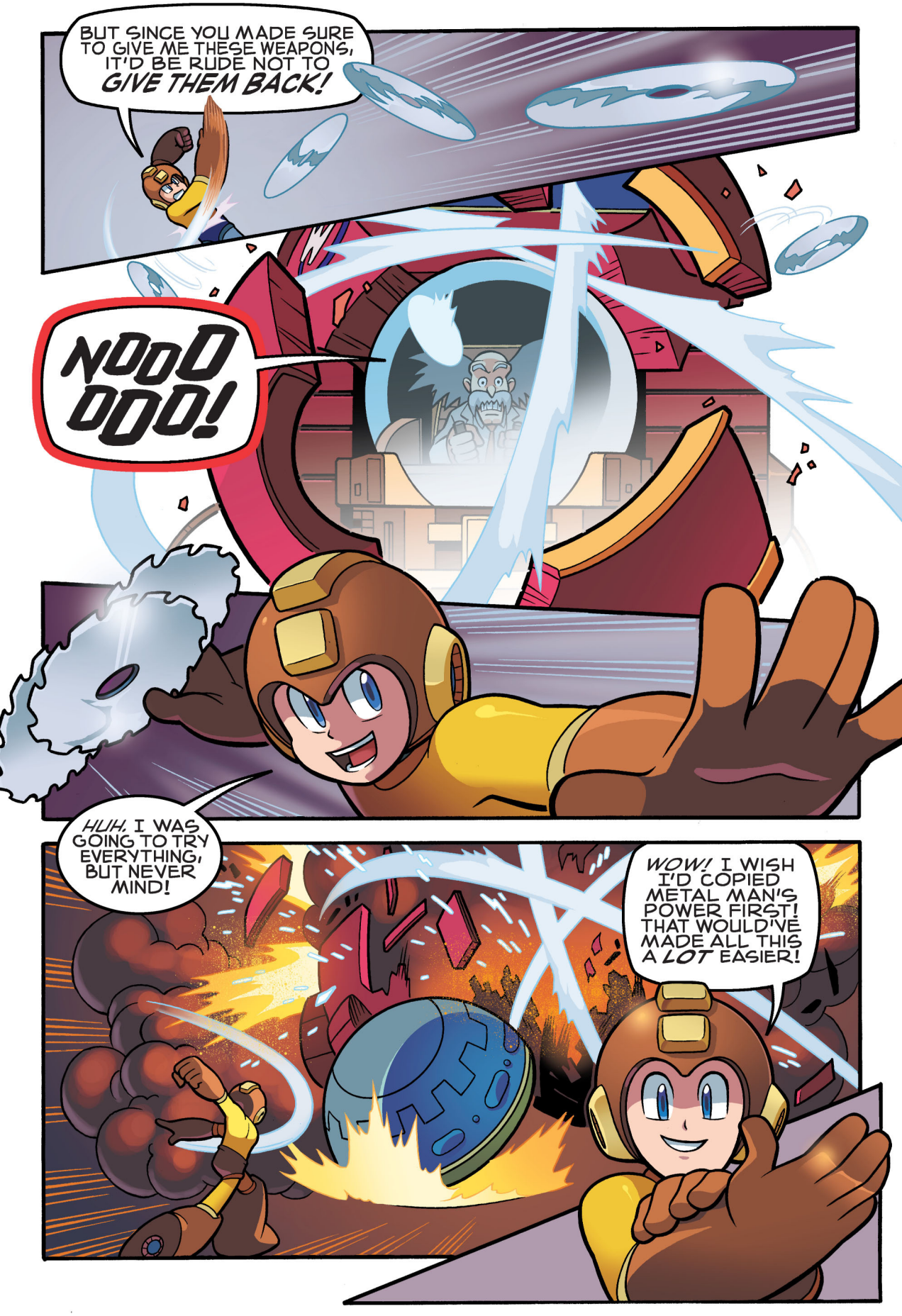
YEAH... THESE SHOULD HELP US NAVIGATE THE CASTLE AND GET BACK TO WILY IN NO TIME.
REALLY?! AUGH, AND I WAS JUST NEXT TO WILY! THIS COULD'VE BEEN OVER ALREADY!
DON'T SWEAT IT! THIS HAS GOT A BUNCH OF SUPPORT ITEM DATA. DR. LIGHT SAID YOU'D FIND IT USEFUL.

WE'VE GOT HIM, SIR.
BUT ELEC MAN...
I WILL COVER THEM. WE WILL GET WITHIN RANGE OF THE TELEPORT SIGNAL AND SEND HIM BACK TO LIGHT LABS, THEN RETURN TO THE BATTLE.
GOOD LUCK GUYS. BE SAFE. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST THE FIVE OF US, THEN. READY?
READY!
I'LL MAKE US SOME ITEM-2 RIDES.
2
2
WE'LL HAVE TO DOUBLE-DIP--I ONLY HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY FOR THESE THINGS.

ANY CHANCE THAT DRAGON WAS DR. WILY'S ONLY LINE OF DEFENSE?
ACTUALLY...
...NO, I DON'T THINK HE'D EVER STOP BUILDING BAD THINGS.
HE RIPPED OFF MY DESIGN AGAIN?! TO MAKE THAT?!
LEMME AT 'IM!
OH, MAN ...I GUESS THEY'VE GOT IT HANDLED!
THEY'LL BE FINE. LET'S KEEP MOVING!

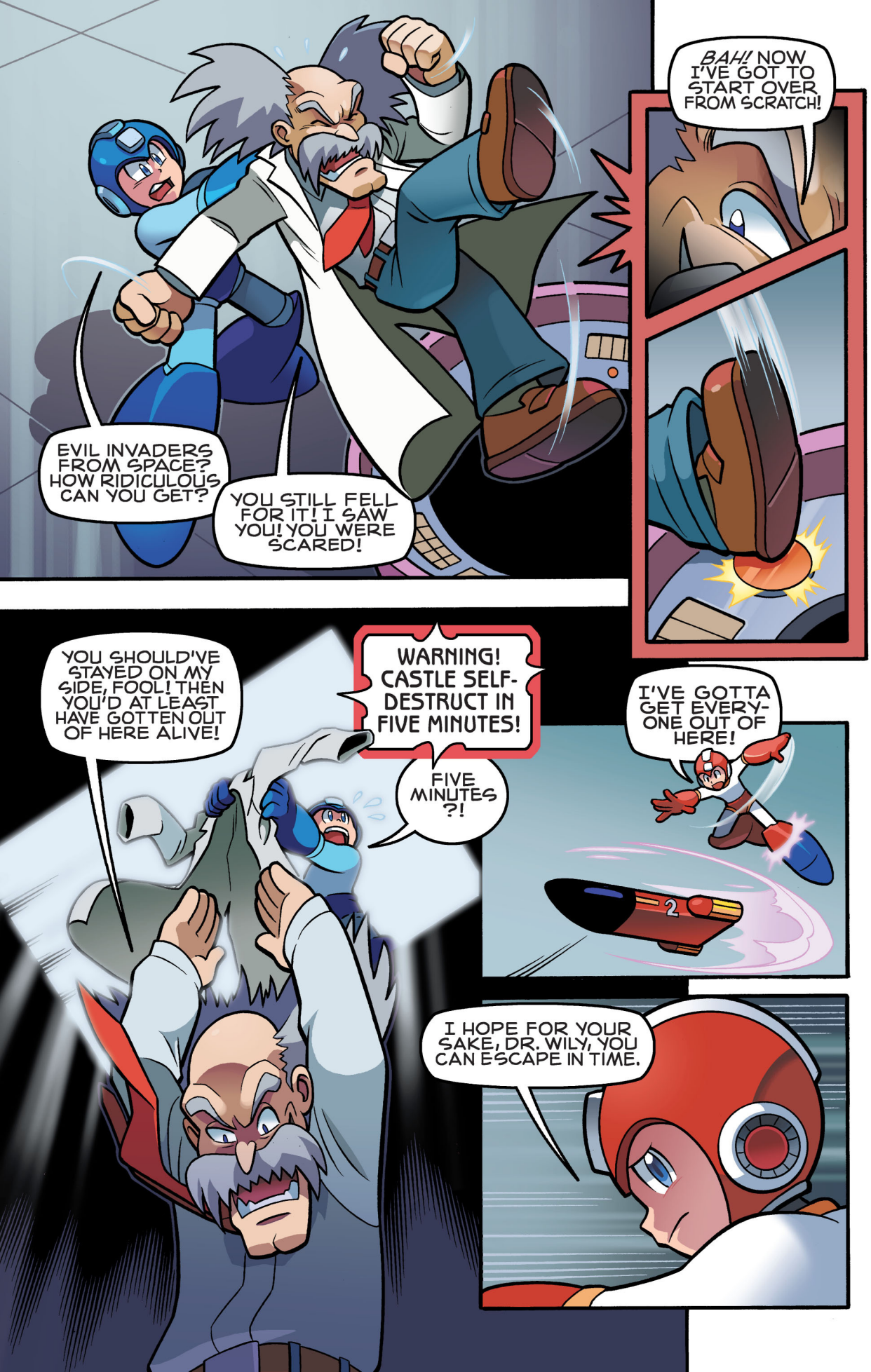

UH-OH... STILL GLAD YOU CAME?
NO REGRETS, MEGA--YOW! WE'VE GOT TURRETS!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THIS PLACE IS A MAZE.
THERE'S NO WAY TO NAVIGATE IT SAFELY.
THEN WE WON'T BE SAFE ABOUT IT. YOU'VE PICKED UP SOME KIND OF EXPLODEY WEAPON, RIGHT?
R-RIGHT...
THEN LET'S ROCK!
:WHEW!: WELL...THAT DID IT! BUT I'M OUT OF AMMO!
DITTO, BUT AT LEAST YOU'VE GOT OTHER WEAPONS TO FALL BACK ON.
YOU GO ON-- I'LL TRY TO DIRECT THE OTHERS TO YOU.

IT'S OVER, WILY! YOU DON'T HAVE ME TO HIDE BEHIND ANY-MORE!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MORE ROBOT MASTERS TO SELF-ISHLY SACRIFICE! GIVE YOURSELF UP!
IT'S FAR FROM OVER, MEGA-BRAT!
YOU AND YOUR EARTHLY WEAPONRY CANNOT STOP ME!
I WILL CONQUER THIS PRIMITIVE PLANET WITH POWER FROM BEYOND THE STARS!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!


BUT SINCE YOU MADE SURE TO GIVE ME THESE WEAPONS, IT'D BE RUDE NOT TO GIVE THEM BACK!
NOOO OOO!
HUH. I WAS GOING TO TRY EVERYTHING, BUT NEVER MIND!
WOW! I WISH I'D COPIED METAL MAN'S POWER FIRST! THAT WOULD'VE MADE ALL THIS A LOT EASIER!

LIKE I SAID, IT'S OVER, DR. WILY.
AND YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ME AND MY FAMILY.
AND I TOLD *YOU*, FEEBLE EARTH-ROBOT...
YOU CANNOT STOP ME! I WILL CONQUER EARTH WITH POWERS FROM *BEYOND THE STARS!*
YOU'RE A...SPACE ALIEN?!
THE FOOLISH EARTH-CREATURE THOMAS LIGHT NEVER KNEW. THAT IS OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE. FLEE NOW, AND WARN THE WORLD OF MY COMING. WARN IT OF ITS *DOOM!*

AN ALIEN INVASION! SHOULD I FIGHT IT? CAN I FIGHT IT? MAYBE I SHOULD RETREAT AND WARN--?
?
OH, BROTHER! ANOTHER HOLOGRAM DECOY. AGAIN? REALLY?
P-PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN BEHIND THE HOLOGRAM...!
NO! DON'T!


EVIL INVADERS FROM SPACE? HOW RIDICULOUS CAN YOU GET?
YOU STILL FELL FOR IT! I SAW YOU! YOU WERE SCARED!
BAH! NOW I'VE GOT TO START OVER FROM SCRATCH!
YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED ON MY SIDE, FOOL! THEN YOU'D AT LEAST HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
WARNING! CASTLE SELF-DESTRUCT IN FIVE MINUTES!
FIVE MINUTES?!
I'VE GOTTA GET EVERY-ONE OUT OF HERE!
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE, DR. WILY, YOU CAN ESCAPE IN TIME.

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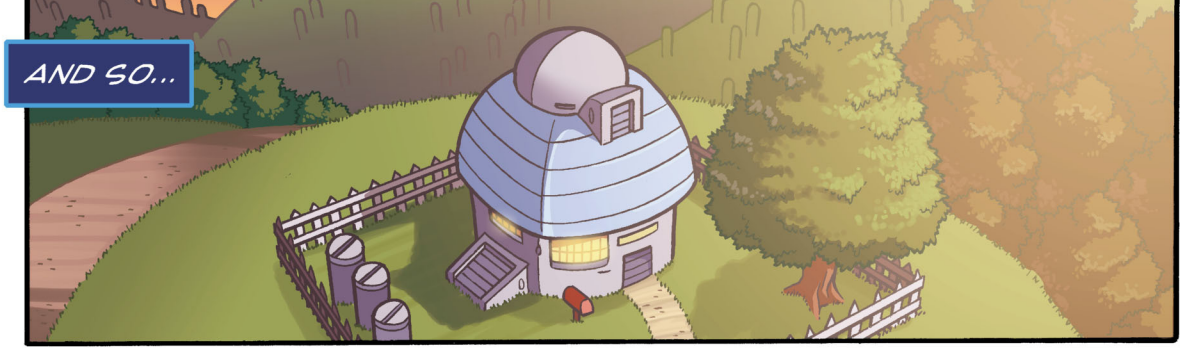
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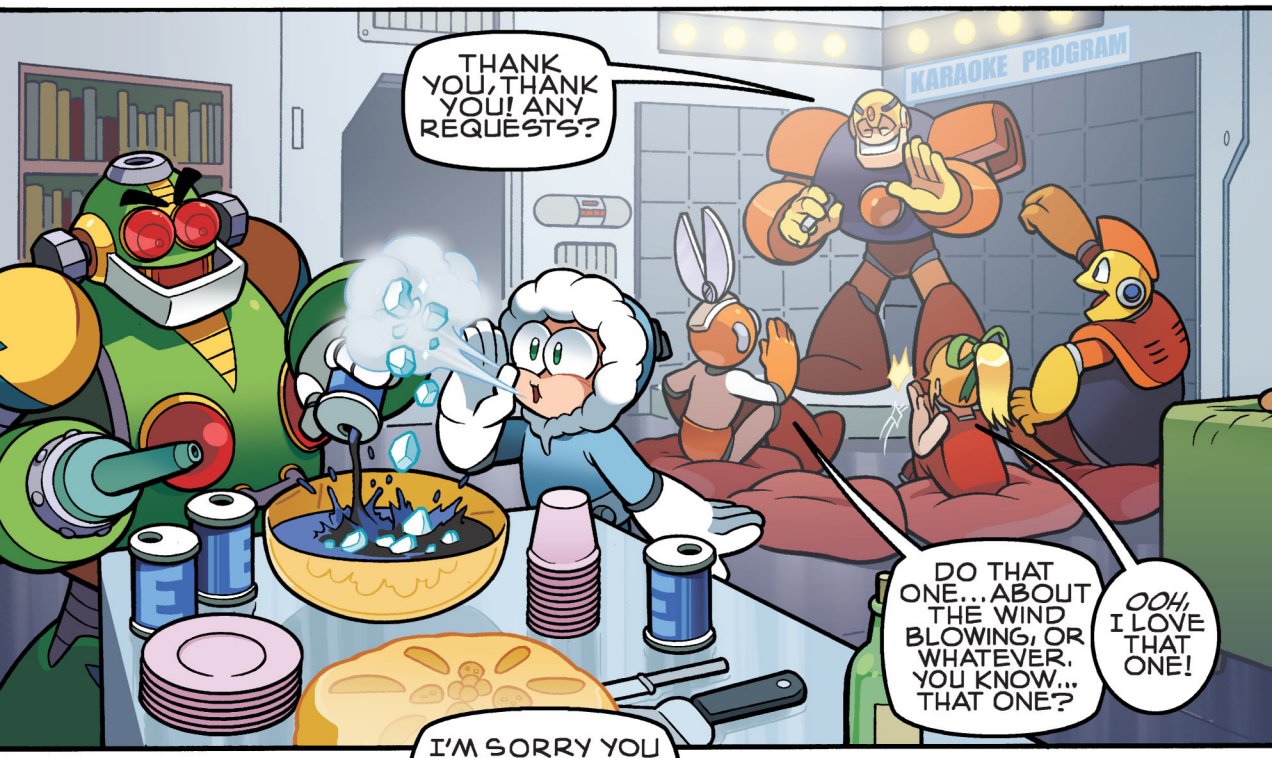
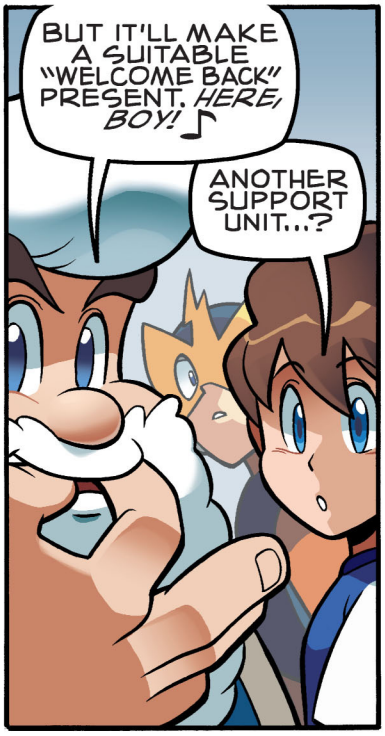
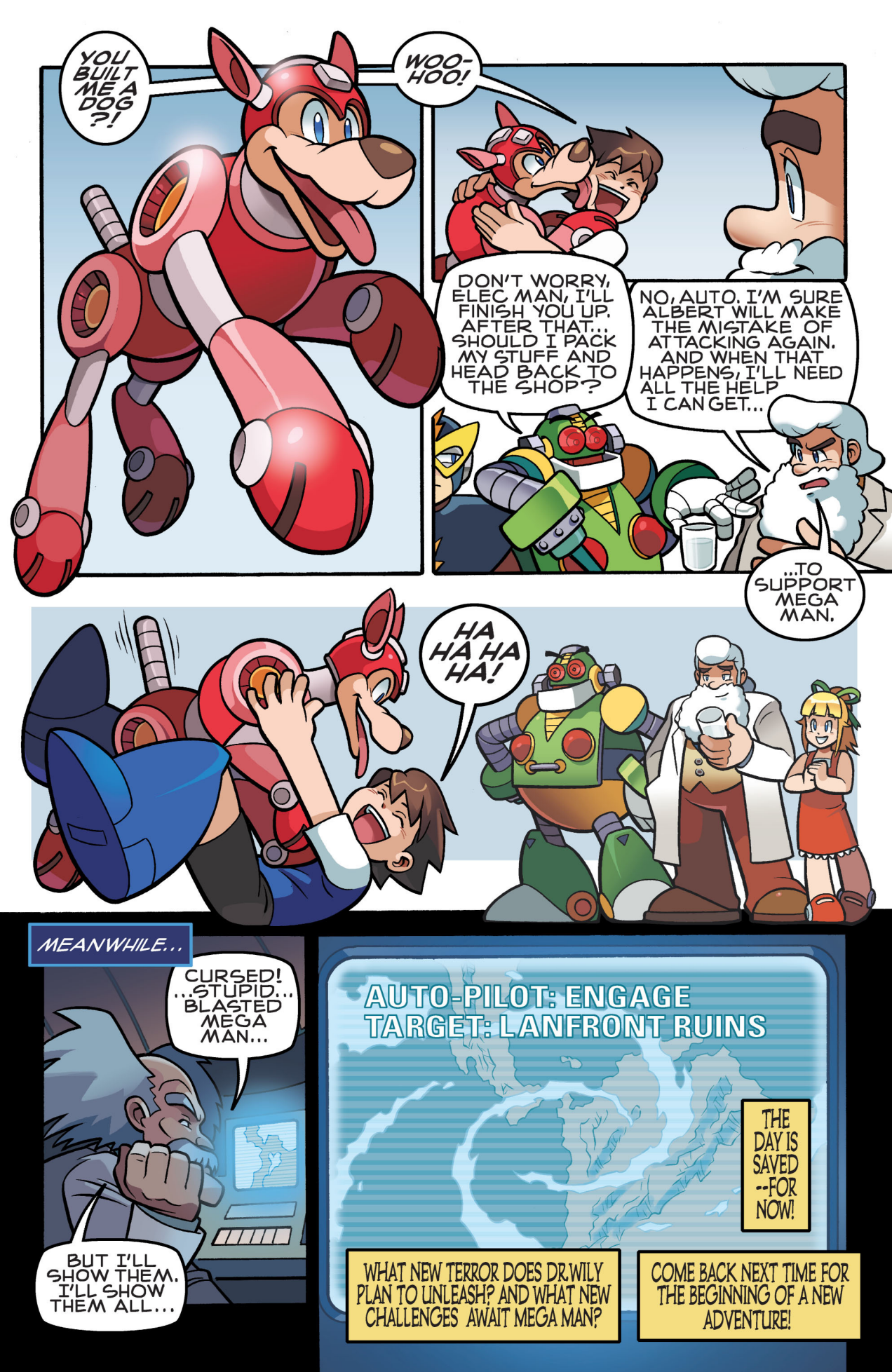

KARAOKE PROGRAM
THANK YOU, THANK YOU! ANY REQUESTS?
DO THAT ONE... ABOUT THE WIND BLOWING, OR WHATEVER. YOU KNOW... THAT ONE?
OOH, I LOVE THAT ONE!

I'M SORRY YOU WERE SO BADLY DAMAGED, ONLY FOR ME TO LOSE DR. WILY.
DON'T SWEAT IT, KID. YOU WERE THE ONE WILY NEARLY REPROGRAMMED. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. IT'S NOT FUN.
HE'S RIGHT, ROCK.
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE. YOU DID MORE THAN ANYONE COULD'VE ASKED OF YOU. I'M JUST GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK SAFE. IF ANYTHING, I'M SORRY THAT THIS LAST SUPPORT UNIT WASN'T FINISHED UNTIL NOW.


BUT IT'LL MAKE A SUITABLE "WELCOME BACK" PRESENT. HERE, BOY! ♪
ANOTHER SUPPORT UNIT...?


YOU BUILT ME A DOG?!
WOO-HOO!
DON'T WORRY, ELEC MAN, I'LL FINISH YOU UP. AFTER THAT... SHOULD I PACK MY STUFF AND HEAD BACK TO THE SHOP?
NO, AUTO. I'M SURE ALBERT WILL MAKE THE MISTAKE OF ATTACKING AGAIN. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET...
...TO SUPPORT MEGA MAN.
HA HA HA HA!
MEANWHILE...
CURSED! ...STUPID... BLASTED MEGA MAN...
BUT I'LL SHOW THEM. I'LL SHOW THEM ALL...
AUTO-PILOT: ENGAGE
TARGET: LANFRONT RUINS
THE DAY IS SAVED --FOR NOW!
WHAT NEW TERROR DOES DR.WILY PLAN TO UNLEASH? AND WHAT NEW CHALLENGES AWAIT MEGA MAN?
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ADVENTURE!

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PHARAOH MAN: MENACE TO SOCIETY?

DR.LIGHT&DR.LaLinde IS IT LOVE?

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SPIRITUS EX MACHINA

PART ONE

DOES A MACHINE HAVE A SOUL?

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MASTER WORKS

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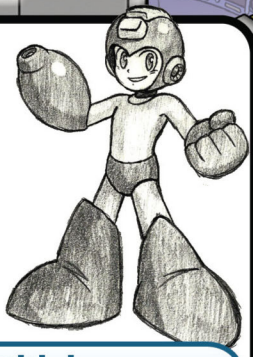

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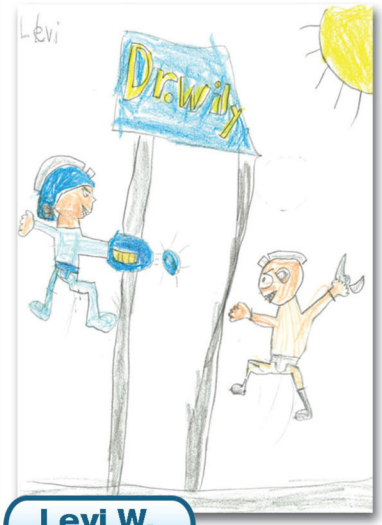

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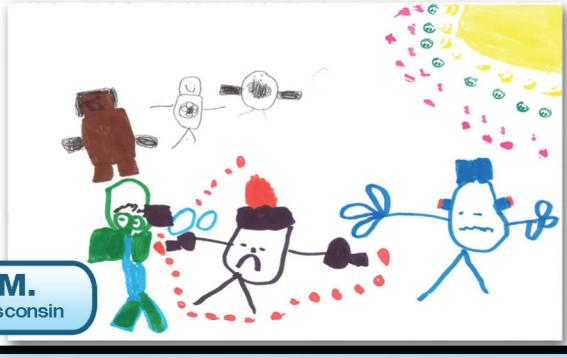

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YOU'VE HANDLED MY ROBOTS, BUT CAN YOU HANDLE ALIENS?!
THREATS FROM SPACE? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
N-NO! THERE'S...TOO... MANY...!
I GIVE UP. OLD VIDEOGAMES ARE TOO HARD TO BEAT.

MEGA-MAIL

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Here we go again, time to climb the fan mail mountain!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I just read Mega Man #10 and I'm really enjoying your third story arc. I, like any fan, have a few questions so here goes.

Bring it on!

1. Where is Rush? I mean we're almost a year in and no sign of M.M.'s dog buddy.

I guess this must be your lucky day, 'cause the robot pooch has finally arrived!

2. I noticed the original robot masters weren't there for backup, I think Mega Man needs some regular assistance perhaps Tomahawk Man, Dust Man and Yamato Man? hint hint nudge nudge.

Well, Dr. Light will always have the original robot masters on stand-by to assist Mega Man when necessary. Dust Man? For cleaning up the world?

3. Any chance of seeing Mega Man's Captain N: the Game Master's buddy Pit in his own series or at least a guest appearance?

It's doubtful, perhaps a cameo appearance one day...maybe.

Well until next time keep up the great stories and fantastic art work!

Will do!

Mega Man's #1 fan, Jake R.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Jake!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I can't believe it has been a year already, it seems like just yesterday since I got issue #1.

Most definitely! Time flies when Time Man takes a ride on item-2!

I believe you guys are doing a very good job and thank you for bringing me my favorite comicbook series every month.

It's our pleasure. Thank YOU for reading it every month!

I would love to see an adaptation of the X series, as well as the RPG series such as Legends, Battle Network, and Starforce.

I'm gonna get crushed by all of these Mega Man X requests! There is always a chance, so keep telling us what you want!

You guys are doing a great job and ROCK ON!

Sincerely, Andrew L.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Andrew. Keep on ROCKIN!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I wanted to let you know how much I am enjoying this series. Mega Man is the only series I buy every month, and by far the one I look forward to the most.

Me too!

I like the story, characters, action, and the Easter eggs. Everything is top-notch. I can't wait to see the end of this arc and beyond.

We've got plenty of goodies in store for you in upcoming issues, so keep a sharp eye.

Please do an X series! I'd love to see the same quality and care that's being put into the current series put into a Mega Man X comic. Give us what we want -- Chill Penguin and the other Mavericks in comic form!

I know, right? Chill Penguin is totally cool!

Sincerely, Matt M.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

PS - Is there a way to directly pre-order a variant cover issue from you guys? That Pharaoh Man sketch variant is SWEET!

Thanks for the letter, Matt!

The Pharaoh Man cover certainly is sweet, and it's coming next month! Remember, variant covers are comic shop exclusives, so call your local retailer and request the cover! Need help finding a comic shop near you? Dial 1-888-COMIC-BOOK!

Well, that's the end of The Return of Dr. Wily! Come back next month for Spiritus Ex Machina! It'll be a blast! Wait... the end of the page already?!

See y'all next time!

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SPIRITUS EX MACHINA : PART ONE

GET READY FOR SOME

MEGA TROUBLE

DANGER LURKS IN THE SHADOWS OF THE A.R.T.S. CON, WHILE DR. WILY IS STILL ON THE LOOSE!

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